GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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INDO-RUSSIA AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have signed a contract with regard to the supply of nuclear fuel to the Kudankulam Atomic Power Plant in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the said contract the spent nuclear fuel would not be sent back to Russia;

(d) if so, whether the spent nuclear fuel would be reprocessed and stored in India under the International Atomic Energy Agency Contro; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTI PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTI STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. a Public Sector Undertaking of this Department, is presently setting up two units, each of 1000 MWe capacity nuclear power reactors of Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu in cooperation with Russian Federation. The Agreement provides for a sovereign guarantee by the Russian Federation for the supply of fuel during the lif of the plant. A contract for the supply of fuel for these power reactors has been signed recently. The contract is for supply of fuel for the intial charge and reloads for five years.

(c): Yes Sir.

(d) & (e): Yes Sir. The spent fuel will be stored in India. This will be the propoerty of Government of India who can put it to any use for peaceful purposes under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safeguards.